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REPRESENTATIVE (COR) CONTRACTS

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SUMMARY: A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS WAS CONDUCTED BETWEEN BHC, AID/W, AND NAU REPRESENTATIVES DURING WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8 DESIGNED TO REVIEW PROGRESS OF BHC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, IDENTIFY AREAS OF WEAKNESSES, EXAMINE PRESENT AND FUTURE PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS AND ANALYZE THE FUNDING SITUATION GIVEN THE PROJECTED INCREASE IN THE AG AERO SERVICES INVENTORY. SIGNIFICANT PROPOSALS WHICH WERE APPROVED BY THE JOINT GROUP RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING: A FUNDING LEVEL INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY ONE MILLION US DOLLARS TO THE ORIGINAL 1.6 MILLION BHC TECHNICAL SUPPORT CONTRACT; THE REPLACEMENT OF THE PRESENT BHC FACILITY SUPERVISOR; THE TDY SERVICES OF A FACTORY REPRESENTATIVE TO CULIACAN DURING THE CAMPAIGN; AND A RECOMMENDATION TO EXTEND THE SERVICES OF THE COR EMPLOYEE (ELDER) FOR 90 DAYS. END OF SUMMARY.

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1. DURING THE JOINT GOM/USG STUDY GROUP MEETINGS IN JUNE, IT WAS AGREED THAT PERIODIC REVIEWS OF THE CONTRACTUAL SERVICES WOULD SERVE TO ENSURE THE NECESSARY SUPPORT FOR THE FORTHCOMING EXPANDED, INTENSIVE ERADICATION CAMPAIGN. THE FIRST MEETING WAS CONDUCTED IN EARLY SEPTEMBER WHICH MARKED THE COMPLETION OF FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THE BHC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT. THE FOLLOWING TOPICS WERE DISCUSSED: (A) INCREASE IN STOCK LEVELS: BASED ON THE PROJECTED INCREASE IN THE ASSAGO INVENTORY FROM ELEVEN MODEL 212S TO SEVENTEEN, THE FUNDING LEVEL FOR SPARE PARTS, COMPONENTS AND INSTRUMENTS ACCOUNTED FOR A MAJOR PORTION OF THE MILLION US DOLLAR INCREASE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THIS INCREASE WILL NOT ENTAIL ADDITIONAL FUNDS AS ORIGINAL PROCUREMENTS FOR MODEL 212S HAVE ALLOWANCES FOR SPARES. AN AMENDMENT TO THE BHC CONTRACT SHOULD SUFFICE. (B) TRAINING: THE ASSAGO IS ATTEMPTING TO MEET THE PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS GENERATED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE BHC CONTRACT FOR MAINTENANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNICIANS. WHILE THEY HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLACEMENTS, THEY ARE FACED WITH A GENERAL DEARTH OF ROTARY WING QUALIFIED MECHANICS. HOWEVER, IN THE PAST THREE WEEKS THEIR RECRUITMENT HAS INCREASED AND THEY NOW INDICATE THEY WILL MEET THE PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS BY END OF CY-1975. TRAINING PROGRAMS WERE DESIGNED FOR IN-COUNTRY TRAINING FOR 21 CREW CHIEFS FOR MODEL 212S AND A THREE-WEEK COURSE FOR MODEL 212 FIELD MAINTENANCE TRAINING (FMT) FOR TWELVE QUALIFIED MECHANICS. THE CREW CHIEF TRAINING WILL BE CONDUCTED BY BHC RESIDENT TECHNICIANS AND THE FMT WILL BE CONDUCTED BY A BHC BILINGUAL TDY TEAM COMMENCING ON 27 OCTOBER. (C) BHC FACILITY SUPERVISOR: DURING THE COURSE OF THE MEETINGS IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, NAU AND INC REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN TO THE BHC REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DETERIORATING SITUATION BETWEEN THE BHC SUPERVISOR AND HIS ASSAGO COUNTERPART. WHILE NAU/INC REPRESENTATIVES HAD NO PROBLEMS WHATSOEVER ON THE TECHNICAL COMPETENCE OF THE BHC SUPERVISOR, THERE WAS A SERIOUS DEFICIENCY IN ATTITUDINAL RAPPORT. DURING THE WEEK OF 22 SEPT, BHC REPRESENTATIVES RETURNED TO MEXICO CITY AND RELIEVED CALDWELL AND DESIGNATED RUSSELL AS THE PERMANENT REPLACEMENT. CALDWELL DEPARTED POSTOON FRIDAY, SEPT 26. NAU IS COMMITTED TO BHC TO WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH RUSSELL. (D) CONTRACT OFFICER REPRESENTATIVE: WHILE WE STILL AGREE THAT COR'S RESIDUAL ACTIVITIES WILL BE EVENTUALLY ABSORBED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BY AVIATION SYSTEMS ADVISOR AS CITED IN REFTTEL, THE SPATE OF HARD LANDINGS, ROTARY BLADE STRIKES, AND RECENT SERIOUS CRASHES HAVE PLACED A TREMENDOUS BURDEN ON BHC FACILITIES ON MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR. ADDITIONALLY, THE AVIATION SYSTEMS ADVISOR IS NOW DEVOTING MOST OF HIS TIME TO THE EXPERIMENTAL HERBICIDE PROJECT AND MONITORING THE INTENSIVE PILOT TRAINING ACTIVITIES. WE FEEL THAT WE ARE NOW IN THE CRITICAL PERIOD PRIOR TO THE CAMPAIGN AND STRONGLY RECOMMEND A 90-DAY

EXTENSION FOR ELDER TO CONTINUE AS THE COR WORKING DAILY WITH THE BHC TECHNICAL SUPPORT TEAM. RTAC CONTROLLER HAS INFORMED US THAT COR POSITION IS FUNDED SALARY-WISE THROUGH 23 OCTOBER. ELDER HAS INDICATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO REMAC ON CONTRACT FOR THE ADDITIONAL PERIOD SUBJECT TO S/NM-INC/W DECISION. PLEASE CABLE RESPONSE SOONEST TO THIS REQUEST. (E) BHC AND NAU REPRESENTATIVES MET WITH ADMINISTRATIVE CHIEF MANCERA SUAREZ ON SEPT 11, TO APPRISE HIM OF DISCUSSIONS WITH BHC OFFICIALS. A SUBSEQUENT MEETING WAS HELD WITH DEPUTY AG ROSALES MIRANDA TO INFORM HIM OF MODIFICATIONS IN THE BHC TECHNICAL SUPPORT TEAM AND ADDITIONAL FUNDING. BHC AND NAU REPRESENTATIVES PLAN TO MEET AGAIN IN LATTER PART OF NOVEMBER TO REVIEW CONTRACT PROJECT PROGRESS. PRESENTLY, WE ARE EXPECTING THE ARRIVAL OF BHC QUALITY CONTROL TECHNICIAN SHERBINO TO FILL RUSSELL'S POSITION. BHC VETTER ALSO INFORMED US THAT SEVENTH POSITION WILL BE FILLED BY EARLY NOVEMBER. WILL ADVISE.

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